

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)
SEPTEMBER 22, 2006
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terrence McGaw, MD, Chairperson
Beverly Neyland, MD
T.J. Rosenberg
Bonnie Sorenson, RN
Raquel Knecht, MA
Michelle Kling, RN, MS
Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall
Suzanne Magleby, MSW

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Maggie Carlton, Vice-chairperson
Jeffrey Wrightson, MD
Tyree Davis, DDS

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Debra Wagler, Health Program Manager (HPM) 2, Real Choice Systems Change Grant Coordinator (RCSC), BFHS
Barbara Howe, RD, HPS1, BFHS
Janet Serial, HPS 1, Middle Childhood Coordinator, BFHS
Jessica Cowee, HPS1, Abstinence & Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator, BFHS
Tami Terstegee, Administrative Assistant (AA) 4, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Erick Newlin, Operation Manager, Nevada Check Up
Pam Becker, Children's Cabinet
Angela Berg, RN, Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition (SNIC)
Marti Cote, RN, Division of Health Care Finance Policy (DHCFP)
Sue Ward, Student, Children's Cabinet
Phil Nowak, Chief DHCFP
Brenda Bledsoe, Developmental Specialist Bureau of Early Intervention Services (BEIS)
Veronica Nichols, PHN Manager, Southern Nevada Health District, (SNHD)
Lisa Pacheco, Assistant Clinical Manager, University Medical Center, (SNHD)
Patty Merrifield, Deputy Admin, Division of Child & Family Services, (DCFS)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Terrence McGaw called to order the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting at **9:40 a.m.** videoconferenced from the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB), Carson City, and the Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinhead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Las Vegas; LCB, Carson City; Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas; and the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2006

Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall made the motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Beverly Neyland seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Patty Merrifield summarized services provided by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). They provide public children's mental health services in Clark County, Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (SNCAS), Washoe County, Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (NNCAS), which includes assessment, coordination, and an array of therapies. Ms. Merrifield mentioned the statewide program called Wrap in Nevada (WIN) which is an intense care coordination program for children with severe emotional issues. DCFS is seeking funds to create new services in Clark County for mobile crisis and stabilization with conversion to Desert Willow Treatment Center (DWTC) to include a unit for children with mental and substance abuse issues. Ms. Merrifield reviewed expansion of the early childhood mental health day treatment service which is provided in Clark and Washoe counties. Ms. Merrifield mentioned the three Children's Mental Health Consortiums (CMHC), which are each a body of parents and stakeholders across the state that assess the mental health needs of children and recommend plans for children's mental health services. Ms. Merrifield stated outpatient services for early childhood and adolescents may have a waiting period serving those with the highest needs across the state.

Raquel Knecht stated concern for the language barriers between children's mental health services for the Hispanic & Latino communities. Ms. Merrifield stated bilingual/bicultural staff is priority.

BOARD DISCUSSION CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Dr. Neyland motioned to support proposed mental health legislation and Assemblywoman Ohrenschall seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.** A letter of support for legislature action about mental health issues will be included with the biennium report.

UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE INCLUDING EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT (EPSDT), NEW MEDICAID MANAGED CARE CONTRACTS AND ANY DENTAL CHANGES

Phil Nowak will be moving to Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP). He gave updates on Medicaid and Nevada Check Up managed care. These programs have new contracts with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Health Plan of Nevada (HPN). This will be in effect on 11/01/06. Members will be given the choice to enroll with either Anthem or HPN. If they delay in making a choice they will be placed with Anthem. The recipients can switch providers at any time. The 2 strong plans will help Nevada's population specifically with immunizations, Early Periodic Screening, Detection and Treatment (EPSDT), and behavioral health.

Members who enroll in either plan will also have access to dental services through managed care plans, which will be watched carefully in the weeks to come.

UPDATE ON NEVADA CHECK UP

Erik Newlin for Betsy Aiello reported progress update for Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) Waivers regarding insuring pregnant women and supporting employer provided insurance. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) came back to them early this week with terms and condition for the waiver, which is the last step for the waiver to be signed.

The issue of referring the newborn child to Nevada Check Up was discussed. The Nevada Check Up program will be getting a report approximately 45 days prior to the baby's birth in order to give them coverage.

The plan is to send parents an application for Nevada Check Up along with information requesting documentation which will be required prior to birth. They will stay in contact with those who do not respond or were unable to make contact periodically before the deadline.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABSTINENCE ONLY GRANT APPLICATION

Jessica Cowee stated the State of Nevada had received abstinence education money since 1997 and guidance from the federal government.

Nevada received \$280,000.00 from the federal government for abstinence education. Nevada chooses to use this funding for teen pregnancy prevention. The goal for the teen program is to reduce the birth rate of teen mothers to 25 births per 1000 by 2010. The 2005 data met the age group in 2005 with the teen birth rate at 24.6. Of the birth teen rate through Nevada the Hispanic population had the higher portion of teen births in Nevada. This population is the first priority for providing programs and activities for 9 to 14 year olds. The program dollars will go to the most populous counties Clark and Washoe. Washoe and Clark Counties all currently have grants that will be expiring at the end of this month.

Another priority is education for parents and adolescents to develop better communication skills. The Goshen Coalition in Las Vegas is running a media program which directs people to their website to obtain material to help parents talk to their children about abstinence and teen age sex. Another subgrant went to the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Southern Nevada who had a very strong program called Positive Choices Positive Futures that focused on the Latino population in Clark County.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO SUPPORT THE ABSTINENCE ONLY GRANT

Assemblywoman Ohrenschall moved to approve and Dr. Neyland seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

BOARD DISCUSSION OF IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO STAFF

Judy Wright reported one of the big issues is getting the Immunization Registry up and running.

One priority to getting a fully intergraded functional registry would be to have providers who have icons on their computers have a program to link to. What is currently happening is unknown. Private providers report private insurance is not paying for the full compliment of immunizations.

Michelle Kling motioned to send a letter for support to Mr. Haartz regarding the registry as a starting point; Bonnie Sorenson seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

UPDATE ON CURRENT ACITIVITIES TO ADDRESS CARE OF CHILDREN WITH DIABETES

Barbara Howe discussed the number of type 1 diabetes per school district. The plan would be to do type 2 diabetes screening in the school districts to identify pre diabetes.

There is a Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the next legislative session to make Body Mass Index (BMI) screening a requirement for students as part of their school exam and health classes.

Five sets of The Eagle Series books with a teacher guide and a CDC booklet will be going out to every elementary school this fall.

Also with additional money Ms. Howe ordered a series of type 1-2 and type 2 videos both in English and Spanish for the school nurses for more education for parents and students.

Last week Ms. Howe had the pleasure of being invited to help a Physical Education (P.E.) teacher in Carson City. Michelle Van Boris, a school nurse at an elementary school is very interested in writing a nutrition curriculum. There are 4 UNR community nutritionist students and they are going to be using this lesson plan starting next week with both middle schools and elementary school kids in the Carson City school district.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF BOARD'S BIENNIUM REPORT, ITS POTENTIAL CONTENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF

Ms. Wright discussed prior reports and asked if the Board wanted to change the format and priorities.

Bonnie Sorenson stated the Biennium Report should be in short sentences color coded or laminated. In box 3 and 4 where they talk about low birth weight incidents in Nevada in general among the African Americans on the current status why is it not translated into percentage instead of number per thousands.

After discussion the Board priorities are Preconceptual Health, Mental Health, Immunization, Dental, Health and Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP). The Board also discussed including Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Michelle Kling motioned to approve and TJ Rosenberg seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS AND BOARD DISCUSSION

The new Prenatal Substance Abuse Coordinator (PSAP) is Muriel Kronowitz. The Child and Adolescence Health Program has a new Governor's Youth Advisory Counsel (GYAC). The youth seem to be very interested on what they are doing. Oral Health just hired a Biostatistician. Real Choices supported Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) meetings and is going to have four working groups. They are trying to do something about children in foster care to make sure they are getting EPSDT screens so the services they need are paid for by Medicaid. For Children with Special Care Needs (CSHCN) a newborn hearing screening coordinator was hired to start on 9/25/06.

Mr. Hemmings, the program manager for the Primary Care and Development Center (PCDC), retired. The latest count report for J1-Visa's is 11; it is closed for the year.

WIC is at 51,000 clients a month and growing. Discussion between the State and USDA continued on EBT. USDA has decided to send a consultant to look at whether they want to continue with EBT or not.

BEIS report the waiting lists are down to fourteen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sorenson mentioned the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring (PRAMS). PRAMS are software to use to write grants and get money into their state. Nevada is one of the few states who do not have this program because statute does not allow looking at birth certificates for studies. Ms. Wright stated she is interested in having this system in our state and whatever needs to be done she would be happy to help. The issue is the Nevada Revised State (NRS). Ms. Wright will do some research to find out exactly what the problem is.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12/1/06.

Meeting adjourned at **12:15 p.m.**